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"Ratification" in Alabama. The following interesting news comes

from Birmingham, Ala.: "The new constitution has been ratified by a large majority. It will probably reach 50,000, and will not fall below 25,000. The anti-ratificationists charge fraud in a num-ber of counties, notably Jefferson, Dallas and Pickens. This county gave 2,500 ma-jority for the new constitution. General Shelly, chairman of the anti-ratificationists, claims that he has won the fight, but rather indicates that he does not expect to have it so recorded. He states, however, that he will push the fight to the bitter

Here again is raised the old cry of fraud. Votes, it is charged, have been cast one way and counted another. The popular will has been defeated. The new chart of the state itself, by which the people's course for many years to come will be regulated. has been smirched in the house of its

If this charge came from the Alabama republicans it would be sneered at or laughed at. What jokes would be cracked at their expense! What sniveling duffers they would be pictured! Would they never learn to take their medicine? Had they no other cry in their throats after election but that of a false count of the returns? Did they not know that the country had no sympathy with such wailers? Had they no desire ever to achieve the reputation of "dead game sports?"

But the cry comes from a democrat, and a very distinguished one. General Shelly, who conducted the fight against the new constitution, has served in Congress, and has aspired to the governorship of Alabama. As chairman of the democratic committee he has directed several state campaigns for his party, and they were all successful. He knows the state and its people, and he ought to be familiar with the local election methods. When, therefore, he raises the cry of fraud is he not entitled to attention? Is it the cry merely of a defeated man? May it be assumed that this old battle-scarred veteran has none of the sturdy qualities of a "dead game sport?" Doctor of politics that he is, who has held the spoon of bitterness to the lips of many a patient in his day, is it to be supposed that he cannot take a dose of his own medicine without making a wry face and uttering a complaint?

It is announced that General Shelly will show up the transaction in its true light. Let us hope that he may. Not that there is the slightest chance of changing the result, for "what is writ is writ," and especially in the matter of election returns in the south. But it will make such interesting reading to have the true inwardness of one of these "victories" at the polls laid bare in all the details of the shuffling of ballots and the lightning cal-

A playful remark was ascribed to an Alabamian last summer on this subject. Predicting that the new constitution would be ratified, he said: "One more steal, and then we'll all be honest." Unfortunately for the south, a habit of thirty years cannot be changed in a day. Respect for the ballot box, once destroyed, is not easily or speedily re-created.

West Point.

The recommendation of the West Point board of visitors that the present establishment be wholly replaced with new, adequate structures, will presumably meet with general approval. The Military Academy is an old institution, almost as old as the republic. Some of its equipment is today so antiquated as to be positively unfit for further use, despite the annual repairs tempts to prevent the actual discomfort of to the old buildings, to be sure, and the public would be loath to have the venerable establishment wholly destroyed to make room for finer new barracks, study halls and drill rooms. Yet some traces of the monuments which stand for the history of served when the work of regeneration is carried on. The government has now adopted a liberal policy toward the Naval Academy, and that for the training of army officers should receive equal consideration. The value of both institutions is beyond easy calculation. The war with Spain demonstrated the efficiency of the academy-trained young men, even though some fine work was done by soldiers who had never entered the halls of West Point. In the program for the better training of the army now being formulated by Secretary Root stress is laid upon the influence of the regular army officer in the evolution of the militiaman. It is planned to bring the two together frequently, so that the militiaman may have to some extent the benefit of the training which the academy Thus the establishment on the banks of the Hudson is destined to play an even larger part in the military affairs of the United States in the coming years, and it is altogether fitting that no pains or expense should be spared to bring the academy up to the highest standard in point of

The Chinese have, with great pomp and circumstance, chased away the celestial dragon which threatened to devour the sun. It is depressing to think of Minister Wu's being obliged to return to a country that harbors such unenlightened customs.

Richard Croker sticks to horses and does not yield to the temptation to buy automobiles. Richard has not had much luck with diversions in the machine line, anyhow.

A number of tramps robbed the larder of a Connecticut club house. What they got is not mentioned, but it was probably champagne and pie.

There is a great temptation to refer to any man who has grit and makes the most of ft as a "man of destiny."

The Leonida. If those Leonids, or wandering meteors, do not show up this year in sufficient numbers to pay for an all-night vigil, public faith in the forecasts of the astronomers will be seriously shaken, even though those prophecies are tentative. For three consecutive years now the Leonids have been billed to appear. No definite date has been fixed. The forecast has been always "either Tuesday or Wednesday night," or perhaps "Wednesday, Thursday or Friday." So that the determined sky-scanner, to be satisfied with his vigil, must stay up for two or three nights in succession. This year, with the promise of the Leonids no more positive than usual, one night of the three suggested has passed without results. It was a clear night in this vicinity, too, ideal for the watching for shooting stars, save for a sudden sharpness in the air. To-

night, according to the latest weather fore-

cast, is likewise to be fair and cold. If to-

night the skies are unstreaked by these

marked falling off in the attendance on the third night of the series.

The Leonids, or November meteors, have been observed in past years as one of the most glorious phenomena of nature. The astronomical estimate is that they recur every third of a century. Photographs taken in the past show the heavens criscrossed with these fiery paths, and if the display this year-or whenever it comes again-is anything like those earlier exhibitions of heavenly pyrotechnics it will be well worth the waiting and the uncertainty. The astronomers are always reluctant to make definite promises concerning the meteoric visitations, for their path is erratic, the chances of an encounter are small, and the knowledge of the phenomenon is comparatively limited. The lay public, however chilled by futtle midnight watchings of unstreaked skies, must not expect such accuracy as science now displays in the scheduling of an eclipse.

Mr. Lodge on the Monroe Doctrine. That feature of Senator Lodge's Boston speech which attracts the most attention in Europe is the one in which reference oc-

curs to the Monroe doctrine. It is pronounced an extreme statement of the case, and there is some wonder expressed that a man standing so near to the President should have made it. But is it an extreme statement of the case? Are not coaling and naval stations in this day properly within the prohibition of the Monroe doc-

What better start could any European nation with ulterior designs on this hemisphere make than by securing one or more naval stations on this side of the water? The foothold would enable her to work her way along cautiously, and presently she would be prepared to throw off all disguise. A fighting base or bases would give her a good deal of power, and just such power as would be injurious to the sentiment which the Monroe doctrine proclaims and seeks to foster. The United States thinks it would be unwise for even a single foot of territory in the western hemisphere to pass under the control of a European state. This is Mr. Lodge's position, and it is both logical and patriotic. By including coaling and naval stations within its mean-

were, up to date. In the vicinity of the Gulf of Mexico the United States would be most vitally concerned in any proposition for the establishment of such depots for European supplies. Our interests in that quarter are already very great, and when the isthmian canal is completed we shall insist with every right on being as strong there, both on land and sea, as may be necessary to control at all times that great waterway. Such a thing therefore as a German, or a Russian, naval station anywhere on those coasts would be utterly out of the question. England and France are already in the West Indies, but France is not seeking to extend her power to the main shore down there.

ing, he brings the Monroe doctrine, as it

The situation further south is additionally safeguarded by the sensitiveness and national pride of the countries that touch the sea there. Governments like Chile, and Brazil, and Argentina are as much opposed to European ambitions that seek opportunity on this side of the water as in the United States, and not one of them could successfully be approached on the subject. The interests of the United States in this matter, being based upon the principle of continental self-defense, extend to the cape itself and we should doubtless vigorously sustain the local objection to the raising of any European flag on shore anywhere between the southern line of this country and the end of the hemisphere.

Mr. Lodge gives the true American read-

Political Death.

Death is not always death in politics. Because political campaigns in several states were conducted without the aid of Mr. Bryan, and because Nebraska rolled up a decisive anti-fusion majority, and because Towne has retired and Senator Jones of Nevada returned to his first love, many editors are writing and rewriting "Bryan is dead." This may be true. These editors have warrant in the signs of the times for what they write. The political death of Mr. Bryan is a consummation devoutly to be wished. But it is important that he be kept dead. Mr. Hill, it will be remembered, was "dead" which have been made in patchwork at- after the last democratic national convention, and yet affairs in New York indicate cadets. A certain sentiment attaches that he shows symptoms of returning vitality. When Maryland repudiated the democracy by electing a legislature which elected Mr. McComas to succeed Mr. Gorman the latter gentleman was pronounced dead. Mr. Cleveland has long been dead, but in late campaigns many persons have the American army could easily be pre- inquired more or less anxiously as to what he thought and how he would vote. Mr. Bryan may be politically dead and still not be beyond hope of resurrection.

Our Petition to Bulgaria. An extraordinary spectacle is presented in the protest by the American consul general to the government at Sofia against official pursuit of the Stone kidnapers by the Bulgarian troops. Ordinarily the pressure is on the other side, in behalf of official activity. But the situation demands a reversal of precedents. This government hopes to secure Miss Stone's release by direct negotiations with the brigands and it realizes that the constant pursuit of the criminals by Bulgarian soldiers must cause the captive intense suffering of body and mind and may even lead to her murder. The course of humanity, therefore, is to secure at the present stage the absolute nonaction of the government at Sofia, which has proved so incapable in this crisis. The paramount duty of the present is the rescue of an American woman

Since entering upon his new occupation, Mr. Bryan ought to be able to enliven the pages of the Commoner with some valuable hints on the way to feed stock in winter and to make hens lay all the year through.

Herr Most feels bound to be cautious, but no doubt he lives in hope that Senator Tillman will say something sufficiently rabid to justify him in coming forward with an occasional "me too" editorial indorsement,

Since Texas struck oil and became prosperous the dialect homicide stories attributed to that region have visibly decreased in number. There is undeniably something about wealth that inspires respect.

John Jacob Astor has invented a turbine engine for ships. It is evidently his intention to be as busy and useful as possible so as not to be confounded with the yellow Astor branch of the family.

Aguinaldo has settled down in a restful willingness to let the other people do the

A burglar robbed the son of Jesse James This looks like extremely unprofessional

Highwaymanry on Long Bridge.

Vigorous prosecution of the highwaymen who held up a farmer on the Long bridge the other night will be required by the public in the interest of the local peace. Until this bridge is replaced by a modern structure, well lighted and patrolled, there will remain a considerable degree of danger for all persons who use it in transit save by train or electric car. The settlement at Jackson City, despite the partially successful efforts of the past to purify it, remains a menace. The bridge affords in its present condition an ideal opportunity for From the Helena Record.

atmosphere, there will be reason to expect patrol. The men implicated in this latest outrage have confessed. They deserve the heaviest penalty the law affords for their crime, not only in punishment for their action, but as a possible deterrent to others of their kind who may be inclined to take advantage of the dark causeway to ply their trade. Meanwhile the Virginia authorities should take note of the affair and direct attention as well to conditions at Roslyn, where holdups are frequent, even though news of them does not often reach the ears of the public. The conditions at the south end of the Aqueduct bridge are unspeakably vile. Washington cannot complacently tolerate this state of affairs at these two points of main entrance from Virginia. Yet so long as the neighboring state allows the dives to remain undisturbed at the very doorways of the capital the local authorities are helpless.

President Schwab of the steel combine has had his salary reduced from the estimate of a million a year to a paltry \$100,-000. But as he is to receive a percentage of the profits in addition to this, he will probably manage to make both ends meet.

Santos Dumont distributed his flying machine prize money among the poor of Paris. This is the first time on record that a flying machine has developed any practical

Bulgaria may eventually realize that upon Miss Stone's safety depends its hope of postponing trouble, compared to which the failure to collect a ransom would be insignificant.

The question whether college professors should wear gowns is being discussed. Possibly Dr. Mary Walker might have some interesting if not valuable opinions on the

General Kitchener's appearance in London as a popular idol continues to be indefinitely postponed.

Richard Croker says that Tammany will always be a great organization. Not if the patronage plays out.

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"A woman who gets married," remarked the man with cold, eyes and a square jaw, 'should know how to cook."

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "But I have sometimes questioned whether a woman who knows how to cook ought to marry. She might become more prosperous by opening a restaurant."

Will Become a Boarder. "Yes," said Meandering Mike, "I'm goin" to quit beggin' fur a livin'." "Are you goin' to git proud?" asked Plodding Pete.

"Nope. I'm goin' to git arrested." As Leonidas Viewed It. "It is perfectly absurd!" exclaimed Mr.

Meekton's wife. "What is?" asked Leonidas. "This idea of establishing a whipping post

for wife-beaters." "I think so, too, Henrietta. In the first place, it is going to put notions into the heads of a lot of husbands that wife-beating is a practical proposition. And then they are going to get hurt."

> The man who loses on a horse Declares it's due to luck; But if he wins, 'tis the result

Self-Esteem.

Of wisdom and of pluck. "That man once offered me money for my

ote," remarked the practical politician. "And you refused it with scorn?" "I did. My conscience wouldn't permit me to take it. It wasn't more than half of what is customarily paid and I couldn't have looked my fellow members of the

legislature in the face if I had cut prices."

The Unmathematical. I am weary of the numbers that stare me

in the face I am weary of the figures that pursue me every place; The figures on the calendar that haunt me

day by day With notice of the speed with which the year has run away.

The figures on the clock face and the figures on the bills

figures on the market-not the least of ong for some elysium, and I long to go

there quick. Where there's light and life and music and there's no arithmetic.

Progress of Reciprocity.

Two important speeches on trade relations

delivered in Boston last Saturday give en-couraging evidence of the growing realization among thoughtful and progressive re-publicans of the necessity of providing for larger commercial relations and carrying out the essential features of President Mc-Kinley's policy, as declared by him at Buffalo just before he was stricken down by the assassin's hand. At the present stage of the discussion absolute agreement is not to be expected as to the form or extent of ions desirable for opening up new markets and crowning the protective system which has built up our industries by enactments giving those industries the important thing is that the new duty of the party of progress should be recognized, and the search for a practical method of doing that duty should be already undertaken.

The Tariff. From the Hartford Courant. All his life William McKinley had been a high protectionist. He came to see that American industries, in their amazing deket, and that foreign markets have becom business necessity. His last counsel to the country was to utilize tariff schedules markets. Theodore Roosevelt has said tha he is going to continue the McKinley poli-cies. Every now and then some member of the ways and means committee—it was Chairman Payne last week—is moved to an-nounce in a loud tone of voice that the tariff is all right as it is and must not be touched. We hear of a concerted and persistent effort to induce the President to commit himself to this view of the matter. We have much too high an opinion of his good faith and good sense to doubt that it will be unsuccessful.

Chinese Not Wanted.

American labor is rightly entitled to pro-American labor is rightly entitled to protection against an invasion of orientals ready to work for what, by our standard, are starvation wages. Though relatively a docile and inoffensive type of inhabitant, the Chinese in numbers are not wanted in this country and should not be allowed to enter in numbers.

A Note of Alarm. From the Council Bluffs Nonparell.

The Washington Star sounds a note of alarm when, it suggests that it may be necessary to establish a court of inquiry to ascertain which of the New York newspapers deserves most credit for Tammany's defeat.

Fell Short. As a fell destroyer of republicanism in Maryland, however, the Roosevelt-Wash-ington dinner hardly came up to its ad-

Boomerangs. The Maryland new election law came near defeating everybody who ran for of-fice in that state.

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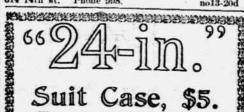
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